interest of national policy is involved in that question, may I know whether the Government should make such an appointment which is controversial? Unless we know the full background of that particular gentleman, it is not in the interest of the nation, that such an appointment should be made.

So, it is absolutely necessary that the Prime Minister should come before the House and remove whatever doubts that have been raised. Unless those doubts are cleared, such an appointment should not be made. That is my humble submission.

MR. SPEAKER : I think, we have discussed it enough. Subject to the convenience of the Prime Minister, I tentatively fix two o'clock for the Prime Minister to come and inform the House.

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## PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

**12.30 hrs.**

**Annual Report on the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and Annual Report and Review by the Government of the working of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance Development Corpn. etc.**

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THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : I beg to lay on the Table -

(1) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) on the protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 for the year 1993, under sub-section (4) of section 15A of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955.

(2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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(3) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of the section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:-

(a) (i) Review by the Government of the working of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96.

(ii) Annual Report (Hindi and English versions of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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(b) (i) Review by the Government of the working of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi for the year 1995-96.

(ii) Annual Report of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance Development Corporation, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

(4) Two Statements (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (3) above.

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(5) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96.

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(6) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the National Institute for Visually Handicapped, Dehradun, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Account.

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the National Institute for Visually Handicapped, Dehradun, for the year 1995-96.

(7) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (6) above.

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**Notification under essential commodities Act, 1955 and Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : I beg to lay on the Table -

(1) A copy of the Notification No. S.O. 287 (E) (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st April, 1997 containing Order indicating the Supplies of fertilizers to be made by the domestic

manufacturers of fertilizers of various States, Union Territories/Commodity Board during Kharif Season, 1997, under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

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(2) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, for the year 1996-97.

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(3) A copy of the Annual Accounts (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Council of Agricultural, Research, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96, together with Audit Report thereon.

(4) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (3) above.

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**Notification under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, etc.**

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : I beg to lay on the Table -

(1) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) issued under sub-section (3) of section 3 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(i) S.O. 884 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 19th December, 1996 constituting the Dahanu Taluka Environment Protection Authority, Thane, for a period of one year effective from the 19th December, 1996.

(ii) S.O. 38(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 14th January, 1997 constituting the Central Ground Water Board as an Authority for the purposes of regulation and control of Ground Water Management and Development for a period to one year effective from the 14th January, 1997.

(iii) S.O. 88 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 6th February, 1997 constituting the Aquaculture Authority for a period of one year effective from the 6th February, 1997.

(iv) S.O. 173(E) Published in Gazette of India dated the 7th March, 1997 making certain amendments in the Notification No. S.O. 88 (E) dated the 6th February, 1997.

(2) A copy of the Notification No. S.O. 73 (E) (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 31st January, 1997 making certain amendments in the Notification No. S.O. 114(E) dated the 19th February, 1991, issued under sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(3) A copy of the Notification No. S.O. 54(E) (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 21st January, 1997, recognising the Environmental Laboratory at Aliganj, Lucknow, issued under section 12 and section 13 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

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(4) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development, Kosi, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development, Kosi, for the year 1995-96.

(5) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (4) above.

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(6) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, for the year 1995-96 alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, for the year 1995-96.

(7) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (6) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1842/97]

(8) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute, Bangalore, for the year, 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute, Bangalore for the year 95-96.

(9) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (8) above.

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